

### DEPLORABLE OCCURRENCE.

Our community was yesterday afternoon thrown into a state of painful excitement and regret by the reports of an encounter and resulting deaths between two men at the corner of the First Ward, at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and the east side of Lafayette Square. The parties were Philip Barton Key, Esq., District Attorney for the District of Columbia, and the late John Edgar Sickles, a Representative in Congress, from the city of New York. The meeting ended in the killing of Mr. by Mr. Sickles, the former having been shot at six or seven times while receiving three shots from a revolver.

The provocative to this dreadful affair is disclosed in the testimony of Mr. Butterworth, of Police. He stated that Justice Goddard, the Chief of Police, had called upon him and mentioned he met Mr. Sickles on Pennsylvania avenue, a little eastward of the corner of Lafayette Square, and nearly opposite the State Department. He stated that he was in conversation with Mr. Sickles, who left him in his car. Key approached, the latter coming down the avenue towards the State Department. They met at the corner of Lafayette Square, when Mr. Sickles asked Key if he would accompany him, saying, "How are you?" Mr. Sickles refused to take his proffered hand, saying, "You have dishonored my home and my family," and applying his hands to his eyes and nose. Mr. Key immediately put his hand in his pocket for a purpose, as the witness supposed, of drawing

numerous examples of the wide differences which ever exist between the perfection of

his hand into his skirt pocket, from which he drew a pistol. As Mr. Key raised his hand to throw at Mr. Sickle the article he took out of his pocket, the latter sprang forward and seized him. Mr. Sickle fired his pistol and shot him.

The latter staggered a little back, but rallied and made at Mr. Sickle, who, stepping a few feet back, fired a second shot into the body of Mr. Key, who then rushed toward the house.

Mr. Maynard's house, with one hand on the railing and one knee on the pavement, exclaiming, "you have shot me," and then crying "murder, murder," followed Mr. Sickle to the body of Mr. Key, and left him, after which Mr. Key was conveyed to the "Club-House," close at hand, where he expired in a few minutes.

We learn, in addition to the above, that immediately after firing the third time, Mr. Sickle proceeded to the residence of Judge Black, which is in that neighborhood, and to which place he followed Mr. Maynard, who had been the man he afterwards requested to accompany him to his own residence, that he might make some necessary arrangements preparatory to surrendering himself to the authorities.

The officers having complied with his wishes, the Mayor and Chief of Police were soon in attendance, and after a brief examination, Justice Goddard having declined to take hold in so serious a case, the Mayor was committed to prison for a further examination.

are provided with all the means necessary for the accomplishment of their objects, the requisite

by a military parade. The Shields Guards came on from Baltimore, and were reviewed by Gen. Shields. The day was also appropriately celebrated at Georgetown college. We have accounts, also, of handsome celebrations in Boston, New York, Baltimore, Richmond, &c. &c.

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FROM WASHINGTON.—CAPTURE OF A SLAVE.—The Navy Department on Friday received a dispatch from Lieut. Braine, commanding the ship Vincennes, dated Norfolk, in which he stated that he has captured the slave Julia Dean on the coast of Africa, and brought her into that port. Augustus Froyeran, represented as a passenger on board the Dean, died on the passage.

and instances of speculation, of fraud, and of official brokerage, are by no means new in the

that his effects be sent to his wife at Havana. He is supposed to have been the captain of the vessel, on board of which is supposed to be a great quantity of treasure.

The Navy Department this morning sent orders to Lieut. Braine to turn over the hands on board of the vessel to the Marshal for trial. It is supposed that the *Daan* is owned in Charleston.

The Vincennes has been ordered to be examined, as it is supposed she was injured by having struck a reef.

THE GULF.—The rumor that all the available ships of the United States navy, the Vincennes, has been ordered to the Gulf, seems to be strengthened by the remark made in the House on Friday, by the chairman of Committee of Ways and Means, that this American sea, as he termed it, belongs to us, and that we will and must exercise control over it. The next arrival from Mexico will, it is anticipated, bring highly important news, and will include the French, the French and English fleets, and requiring a larger American naval force than heretofore in that quarter.

**POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.**

Mr. Clark, the first Congressional district

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of Connecticut, and a member of the present Congress, has been nominated for re-nomination, and will run for the next Congress as a people's candidate. Mr. Clark has been induced by many of his constituents to take command, and has given his reasons at length.

Mr. Clark has never exhibited any general sympathy for the Republican party, and his Republican constituents acted naturally in setting him aside for a more reliable man.

New Hampshire holds her annual election on Tuesday, March 5. The rival candidates for Congress, with the vote of their respective districts two years ago, are as follows:

<i>Republican.</i>	
First district, Gideon D. Briggs	12,712
Second district, Mason W. Tappan	10,685
Third district, Thomas M. Edwards	10,953
<i>Democratic.</i>	
First district, Daniel C. Davis	11,326
Second district, John H. George	9,201
Third district, William Burns	9,541

The nominations for Congress in Connecticut are complete; the rival candidates, with the vote of their respective districts last year, are as follows:

<i>Republican.</i>	
First district, Dwight Loomis	9,331
Second district, John H. Crawford	9,201
Third district, Alfred A. Burnham	7,645
Fourth district, Orris S. Ferry	9,201

number of its creole (*id est*, native) negroes outside of Havana at more than ten per cent.,

First District, James T. Pratt	9,076
Second District, Samuel Arnold	9,419
Third District, Rufus L. Baker	8,721
Fourth District, William Bishop*	9,342

\* Members of the present House.

John Goode, jun., Esq., Buchanan agent for the sixth Congressional district of Virginia in 1856, in a recent publication in the Bedford (Virginia) Democrat, speaking of the Hon. Paulus Powell, says: "I had hoped that the friends of Mr. Buchanan would have selected representatives of the Virginia Democracy, to discuss, without fear, favor, or affection, the extraordinary recommendations contained in President Buchanan's message, and to endeavor to expose and to expose the abominable Federal heresies which have lately marked the policy of the Democratic Administration."

Chief Justice Taney, with all his mistakes and misdeeds, occasionally utters a very sound political opinion. The Thirteenth Amendment to our Constitution is "a gross error," he writes, "and ought to be annulled."

**Frankfort Commission.**

A SCENE IN THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.—St. Louis, Feb. 24.—At Springfield, yesterday, as the Governor's private secretary entered the

New Hampshire holds her annual election on Tuesday, March 8. The rival candidates

ceased. The Democrats attempted to draw his voice with cries of order, but he concluded to give the veto to a vote. He was excited from the boy, and passed through various handshakes. A Republican member secured it, and laid the veto on Speaker Morrison's table. The latter knocked it off with his gavel, and ordered the Democrats to take the floor. The speaker of the private Secretary. He decided, that no quorum being present, the House could not receive messages. Only four Republicans were present. Both Houses adjourned *sin die*.

**CHICAGO MUNICIPAL POLITICS.**—*Chicago Press.*—The Republican Convention today nominated John C. Haines, the present Mayor, for re-election.

Marcus D. Gilman is the Democratic candidate.

The *Southwestern Citizen* says: "Such is the harmony of the Democratic party. On every question, *care one*, they are two well-defined

First district, Dwight Lockins	9,399
Second district, John Woodruff	7,645
Third district, Alfred A. Burnham	9,950

very noble parties. That one